



Mid-point Review of 100-Day GBVF Challenge



GBVF NSP Collaborative



NSP 100-Day Challenges

The Free State office of the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) participated in an outreach event as part of the 100 Days challenge. Held in Bloemfontein, the event was a midpoint review of the city's leg of the national Challenge. In their discussions, the stakeholders focussed on the backlog of cases at the Maintenance Court, in alignment with the event's theme of child maintenance. The stakeholders identified two goals that should be targeted to tackle the problem. They agreed that the first goal is to identify all the backlog cases in the maintenance court and finalise 75% of these cases within 100 days, and secondly, to improve the finalisation rate of maintenance cases. Seven teams across the country are working on 100-Day Challenges to end Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF). The campaign was kick-started on 01 April 2022 and reached its midpoint this week.



The campaign's aim is to fast-track the implementation of the National Strategic Plan on GBVF. In April, the Presidency said the campaign's mandate was two-fold, to localise the National Strategic Plan and also encourage people to act against GBVF in the next 100 days. Samantha Britz, CGE Provincial Manager in the Free State, said the theme was aligned with the GBVF 100-days challenge, "In Free State, Bloemfontein was identified to participate in this challenge under Pillar 3 of the National Strategic Plan" she said. Pillar 3 is responsible for justice, safety and protection.

"I think the current teams are pioneers that create this example of what is possible as we work together," said Jakkie Wessels, Regional Court President Limpopo Regional Division and 100-Day Challenge veteran.

After the 60 days mark, the seven teams participating in the campaign will go into workshops designed to re-energize them, celebrate their wins, and also make any necessary changes to their plans.



Wellness Week 2022 at Central University of Technology, Free State



Integrating Gender-Based Violence in Workplace wellness Programmes

The wellness centre at the Central University of Technology in Bloemfontein is responsible for providing health and wellness support to students and staff. On a bi-annual basis, the unit hosts health awareness weeks to provide a host of services including basic screenings and campaigns on different topics such as gender-based violence, mental health and drug and alcohol abuse. The office of the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) in the Free State office visited the Centre on a campaign to spread awareness and messages about gender-based violence and provisions of the CGE mandate. The office works with a variety of stakeholders in the province, from the public sector to the private sector, civil society, local government, academic institutions, community leadership structures, human rights movements and labour federations.

